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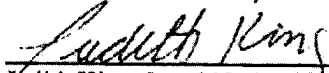
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using his rock 'n' roll reached No. 4 with just over 30 sales, and AC/DC's "Black" brought an exclusive deal with No. 5 with 1.9 million. act sells its music through iTunes, the dominant online DC has said that selling indi- breaks up the continuity sum. But it is a carte download less lucrative than full CDs.

CDs were sold but more money: fal- loutage for the top 100 titles dropped 3 percent, but the average ticket price climbed 8 percent, to \$65.90. Despite the growth of online music sales, CDs remain by far the most popular format, although that hold is slip- ping: 361 million CDs were sold in 2008, down almost 20 percent from the previous year. About 84 percent of all album purchases were CDs, down from

reducing the floor space allowed to dig- ital, said Richard Greenfield, a music analyst at Fall Research in New York. "CDs no longer drive somebody into a store on Tuesday," Greenfield said, referring to the day new CDs usually go on sale. "So the big risk for 2009 is that you will see even more rapid contrac- tion of floor space, as CDs really go out of sight, out of mind for the consumer."

Microsoft software that was created and packaged almost identically to the real products, despite Mi- crosoft's antipiracy measures. The counterfeit goods, like Windows XP and Office 2007, were sold using the Internet and exported from China, mostly shipped to the United States and Europe, where they commanded relatively high prices, investigators say. American and Chinese officials say they broke up the criminal ring in July 2007 with the arrests of 25 people in China, the dismantling of several man- ufacturing facilities and the confiscation of counterfeit software valued at more than \$500 million.

"This is absolutely unprecedented," said David Finn, Microsoft's associate general counsel for worldwide piracy and counterfeiting issues. "The size and scope of the operation is unlike anything we've seen before. We found their products in 36 countries."

A separate trial involving nine sus- pects in Shanghai has not yet reached a verdict. That group has been accused of counterfeiting Microsoft and Symantec software and distributing it worldwide. Legal specialists say that software pirates are becoming increasingly so- phisticated and that the two court cases show that China is capable of exporting high-quality, fully packaged software that could easily be sold as if it were the real thing. Even customs officials have been fooled by the counterfeiters, which

The counterfeiting has caused some friction between U.S. and Chinese officials, but China insists that it has made significant progress in its fight against intellectual property violators. Now, the successful prosecution of one of the biggest software counterfeiting rings is seen by the government as a major breakthrough.

Shenzhen officials declined to com- ment Wednesday on the court verdict. Still, while the FBI and Chinese officials said hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of material had been seized in in- ternational raids, the Shenzhen court found Wednesday that the suspects on trial there had sold less than \$200,000 worth of counterfeit products overseas.

It is unclear whether others pocketed much greater sums or whether many more ring leaders are still at large.

Those convicted had access to one of the biggest Chinese disk manufactur- ing companies — in Shenzhen — through the use of phony licenses, court papers said.

The counterfeit Microsoft software was produced using manufacturing equipment that costs millions of dollars, investigators said, and appeared in En- glish, German, Italian, Korean, Span- ish and other languages. The Chinese government found warehouses filled with molding machines, gliding machines, sealing machines and air compressors.

Music died for owners of Zune

to way the device handles a "Apparently the Zune had cting 2008 to have 365 days,

for the glitch? Patience. The aid the internal clocks on the ra expected to reset them- am on the East Coast of the utes on Thursday. Microsoft no owners to drain the batter- turn the players back on time. Those who had been provide the soundtrack to s Eve parties were out of luck. zune owners, like Geoffrey 53-year-old entrepreneur in t, were frustrated by the t, "accusable," House said. "It's that Microsoft wouldn't

have been aware of something like this. They're fortunate the player will re- solve itself. They dodged a very large truck here."

Microsoft has had trouble getting traction for the Zune against the iPod, from Apple, which dominates the port- able player market. It says North Amer- ican sales of all Zune devices topped three million units in November, but it would not say how many were 30-gig- abyte models.

The end-of-year timing led some Zune owners to call the problem "ZKX." To some it offered a quick re- minder of how full daily life is of highly complex systems that sometimes be- have in unpredictable ways.

"Sure, a Zune breaks and an on- cars. No one is really affected," said

Peter Neumann, a security expert and principal scientist at SRI International, a nonprofit research institute in Menlo Park, California. "But if this were to happen on a much larger scale, in a life- critical situation like with a defense system or even a shuttle system, it would be a serious problem."

Another big Microsoft venture into hardware, the Xbox 360 video gaming console, has had its own share of break- downs, the result of a manufacturing flaw. The company has offered to fix faulty machines free of charge, and it set aside a reported \$1.1 billion for the repairs.

Zune fans are hoping that the player will not be quite as troublesome.

Microsoft plans to release an update for the player's internal software.

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countries'd be losers

nage policy mistakes, the return will not rival the resion, when U.S. gross product dropped by 27 percent. Even the worst do not expect a GDP double-digit percentage t there is a chance of a sort precision — which could multi-decade decline in living in rich countries.

between developing and world living standards is GDP per person in the des is 4.6 times as high as the

ization — in trade, nations and knowledge — is the difference. Both poor are gotten richer, though the gor richer faster.

old change. The growth of right start to come at the f the rich.

z that income gap of 4.6 z in the next 15 years while s GDP keeps growing at the t did between 1960 and 6 percent. If that happens, upis GDP will

ically be 27 percent lower in 2007 — the same fall as in Depression, just spread out more years.

untries can actually get te average Argentine was 9 xior in 1945 than in 1929. It e doses of wasteful nomic policy to get that t: the current rich-country f huge government deficits xcess rates are not growth- ver the long term,

reversed quickly, this mix id to larger governments, ne budget deficits and — debts cannot be paid off — ply dangerous inflation.

olicies could make a bad worse. In the United States wealthy countries, the result downward-sloping saw

stern of output, in which ury is fouler than the : downturn.

nds, the poor are closely tied , so China and its peers are oun the troubles in their big rket. That could change, poorer countries learn to rely v-value exports. Instead, they e a self-sustaining upward

seful investments, improved ity and rising incomes. Such a g would be highly advisable if nes turned to the economic t of self-harming behavior.

Even if the rich get one-third poorer, they will be much richer than their ancestors were in 1929, before the Great Depression started. But the psychological effect of losing income for so many years could be just as great. Talk about depressing.

— Martin Hutchinson

Credit Suisse drops problem

Credit Suisse has found a new home for its perennial problem child. The Swiss bank is offloading the bulk of its non-Swiss fund management business — which guards about \$50 billion in assets — to Aberdeen Asset Management of Britain, in an all-stock deal. The timing of the agreement, announced just before the end of the year, is neat.

But otherwise the deal is messy. The Swiss bank clearly wanted a fix for this drag on performance.

Asset management has been a headache for Credit Suisse, with high costs, poor investment performance and management walkouts. So it makes sense to carve it out and sell to a dedicated asset manager with more time to devote to fixing it.

But Credit Suisse's short patience is wry large in the terms of the deal.

Aberdeen is snapping up the fund-management business for just 0.6 percent of the value of its total assets — a shade more than it paid for Deutsche Bank's asset management business in 2005. If Aberdeen can apply a 30 percent margin on the \$171 million in revenues it hopes to get this year, it would make an after-tax profit of about \$41 million — a generous return on its investment of 11 percent.

Moreover, Credit Suisse has not achieved a clean break. It has swapped the business for as much as \$363 million worth of shares in Aberdeen.

That is small enough not to have much strategic value, and big enough to be inconvenient. The Swiss bank has to retain its shares for at least a year, but after that it is not clear it has an exit plan. An outright sale for cash would have been preferable.

Aberdeen gets an insurance policy, too. The price goes down if revenues fall over the next six months. If revenue halves, it can walk away. That extraordinary concession is a pretty clear indication of how much Credit Suisse wanted a deal — even one as imperfect as this.

— John Foley

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Defendant.

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COMMENCEMENT OF LIQUIDATION PROCEEDING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 15, 2008, the Honorable Louis A. Stanton of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, entered an Order granting the application of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") for issuance of a Protective Decree adjudicating that the customers of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (the "Debtor"), are in need of the protection afforded by the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa et seq. ("SIPA"). Irving H. Picard, Esq. ("Trustee") was appointed Trustee for the liquidation of the business of the Debtor, and Baker & Hostetler LLP was appointed as counsel to the Trustee. Customers of the Debtor who wish to avail themselves of the protection afforded to them under SIPA are required to file their claims with the Trustee within sixty (60) days after the date of this Notice. Customers may file their claims up to six months after the date of this Notice; however, the filing of claims after the sixty (60) day period but within the six month period may result in less protection for the customer. Such claims should be filed with the Trustee at Irving H. Picard, Esq., Trustee for Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, Claims Processing Center, 2100 McKinney Ave., Suite 800, Dallas, TX 75201. Customer claims will be deemed filed only when received by the Trustee.

Forms for the filing of customers' claims are being mailed to customers of the Debtor as their name and addresses appear on the Debtor's books and records. Customers who do not receive such forms within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice may obtain them by writing to the Trustee at the address shown above.

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HEARING ON DISINTERESTEDNESS OF TRUSTEE AND COUNSEL TO THE TRUSTEE

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Dated: January 2, 2009

New York, New York

Irving H. Picard, Esq.

Trustee for the Liquidation of the Business of
Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

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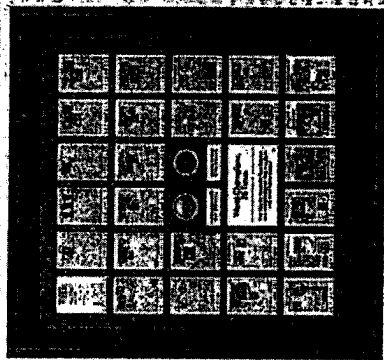
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GMAC in seeking to restructure the debt-laden huyons of the last two years.

These companies had the bad luck to add sizable amounts of debt to their balance sheets at the peak of the cycle, and now they are facing the consequences of their actions. GMAC is seeking to restructure the debt-laden huyons of the last two years.

LyondellBasell's \$515 million of 8.375 percent notes due in 2015 were less quoted at 7 cents on the dollar, according to TRACE, the bond-price system of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The \$325 million of 8.8 percent notes due in 2015 were priced at 25 cents on the dollar, TRACE data showed.

The chemicals maker hired Kevin McBride of the turnaround specialists AIA Partners to oversee the restructuring, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission filing. Mr. McBride said Mr. McBride's appointment is not effective unless the company files for bankruptcy.

The company said its Lyondell Chemicals Company unit asked a finance affiliate of the Access Group, Mr. Blavinski's private equity firm, to extend it credit as part of a March loan agreement, but was denied. Lyondell said it disagreed with the basis for the denial.

LyondellBasell is in "selective default" after postponing \$240 million of interest payments and faces a "very difficult" position with \$56 billion of debt, Standard & Poor's analysts, led by Tobias Mock in Frankfurt, wrote in a report this week. The company said it is "not currently in default" according to its agreements with lenders.

The company was formed in the 2007 acquisition of the Lyondell Chemical Company by Borealis, a takeover that created one of the world's biggest plastics makers just as the auto industry was beginning its longest sales decline in 17 years.

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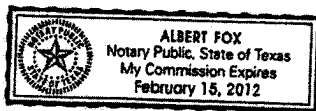
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Pakistan officials hailed the latest steps as helping to avoid conflict.

But India kept up its pressure on Pakistan to crack down on militants, saying "tangible" progress had yet to be achieved. Pranab Mukherjee, India's foreign minister, said the US had shared evidence with Pakistan about the Mumbai attacks and insisted again that Islamabad hand over suspects for trial.

Five members of the US FBI on Wednesday visited a remote village in central Pakistan reported to be the home of Almal Kasab, the lone gunman captured during the Mumbai attacks.

Reports this week, said Abdul Shah, a leading member of Lashkar-e-Taiba detained by Pakistan, had confessed that the group planned the attacks in Mumbai.

Pakistani legal experts, however, warned that such a confession had questionable value when police in Pakistan often used torture. "Abdul Shah, a respected lawyer, said 'Even an elephant will confess to being a deer if told to do so during a police interrogation.'"

Separately, at least three blasts rocked Guwahati, capital of India's north-eastern Assam state, last night with police saying at least five people were killed and 34 wounded.



Mitch McConnell (center) with senators-elect Jon Ricketts (left) and Mike Johanns. "As of right now, Americans are left with more questions than answers," Mr. McConnell said.

Republicans threaten to delay stimulus

News analysis

The party has made it clear there will be no rubber stamp for Obama's legislation, writes Andrew Ward

Members of Congress are poised to resume negotiations over Barack Obama's proposed fiscal stimulus today, said Republican warnings against hasty legislation laden with wasteful spending.

The president-elect wants Congress to have a bill ready to sign soon after he takes office on January 20, but Republicans are threatening to delay the process.

Mr. Obama's advisers have proposed a \$875bn-\$775bn (\$600bn-\$500bn, \$400bn-

\$500bn) stimulus to shore up the economy, with the price likely to rise above \$800bn after additions from congressional Democrats.

But Republican leaders this week made clear there would be no rubber stamp approval, warning that the bill faced "tough scrutiny and oversight."

"Taxpayers are in no mood to have a single dollar wasted," said Mitch McConnell, Republican leader in the Senate.

The Obama administration will need support from some Republicans to pass the bill because the Democrats fell narrowly short of a filibuster-proof Senate majority in November's election.

Many Republicans on Capitol Hill have cautiously accepted the need for stimulus measures to avoid a deeper economic crisis, creating the potential for bipartisan agreement. But Mr

McConnell said his party would act as a watchdog against excess, raising the prospect of conflict over the scale and contents of the package.

The Kentucky senator urged hearings on the stimulus and at least a week to review the legislation before a vote, casting doubt on the fast-track approval mooted by Democratic leaders.

"As of right now, Americans are left with more questions than answers about this unprecedented government spending," he said. "I believe the taxpayers deserve to know a lot more about where it will be spent about where it will be spent about where it will be spent."

Mr. McConnell said Republicans would push for the right side of tax relief and other measures, signaling his hope to place greater emphasis on tax cuts rather than spending.

In addition to tax cuts for the middle class, Mr. Obama's plan would also include aid to cash-strapped state governments and massive investments in infrastructure, school construction, energy efficiency, broadband access and healthcare technology.

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"We should have a simple test: will the yet-unwritten, reportedly trillion-dollar spending bill really create jobs and grow the economy or will it simply create more government spending, more bureaucrats and deeper deficits?" said Mr. McConnell.

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As state and local governments line up for a slice of the stimulus, Republicans have asked on questionable funding requests to high-

light the risk of waste and fraud. Among them: \$40m for a police bear exhibit in Rhode Island, a \$1.5m water park ride in Idaho, and \$1m for snowmaking at a ski resort in Minnesota.

Mr. Obama has warned against special interest spending, insisting the stimulus must remain focused on projects that create the most jobs. He has already started reaching across the aisle with phone calls to moderate Republican senators such as Olympia Snowe of Maine.

She subsequently praised the president-elect for his "collaborative" approach.

The next few weeks will provide the first big test of Mr. Obama's election pledge to break the partisan gridlock in Washington - and of Mr. McConnell's ability to impose discipline on the Republican caucus.

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Revolution party not over

before 3,000 people led by President Raúl Castro in eastern Santiago de Cuba, where the revolution began.

A phone survey found people across the island managed to obtain the pork, rice, beans and yuca for the traditional family dinner on New Year's eve, in spite of recent hurricanes that seriously damaged agriculture.

Havana's streets were all but deserted for the 31 gun salutes to the new year from the old Spanish fort overlooking the city.

People said there was plenty of talk at the dinner table about the future. The Castro era is coming to an end, a new administration is taking over in Washington and President Raúl Castro

said a few days ago that "structural and conceptual changes" were on the agenda of a Communist Party Congress due in late 2008. When Fidel Castro took Santiago 50 years ago he followed up his speech by lead-

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ing a ragtag caravan of guerrillas on a week-long journey across the island. He made a spectacular entry into Havana on January 8, where

he spoke at a military ceremony now turned into a cult place of schools called "Liberty City".

The government said exemplary citizens would copy the caravan's route beginning on Friday and end at Liberty City on Thursday.

Foreign leaders, noticeably absent from yesterday's event - such as allies Hugo Chávez of Venezuela and Bolivia's Evo Morales - may well attend the final act, a local Communist party official said.

Those who hope to see Fidel Castro, at one more time speculated that he might appear. The former president has not been seen in public since intestinal surgery in July 2008.

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ment, which ultimately became the Progressive Federal party, in 1958.

She was the sole representative for the PFP between 1961 and 1974, as well as for many years the only woman in the legislature, becoming known as a skillful parliamentarian.

Year after year she delivered dozens of parliamentary speeches on a wide range of issues, and cleverly used parliamentary questions, bringing to light information that would otherwise have remained hidden.

She took a special interest in prison conditions, being

dubbed "Our Lady of the Prisons" by Bryan Brynbeck, the Afrikaans poet, apartheid opponent and political prisoner, and was one of the very few people permitted to visit former president Nelson Mandela during his imprisonment on Robben Island.

In his autobiography, Mr. Mandela wrote: "It was an odd and wonderful sight to see this courageous woman peering into our cells and strutting around our courtyard." After the end of apartheid (and Mr. Suman's own retirement from parliament in 1989) her relationship

with Mr. Mandela - who in one year her junior - was warm.

But her dealings with Mr. Mandela's African National Congress were not always cordial. During the apartheid years Mr. Suman had opposed the ANC's use of violence and the call for international sanctions against South Africa.

When Thabo Mbeki took over the presidency from Mr. Mandela in 1998, he found her a staunch critic of his bizarre policy on HIV and AIDS and so-called "quiet diplomacy" towards President Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe.

Mr. Suman was also forthright in pointing out the shortcomings of the black empowerment policies championed by Mr. Mbeki, arguing that these had simply benefited a handful of politically connected individuals and that more needed to be done to develop the skills of the majority black population.

But it was her brave opposition to apartheid that Mr. Suman will be remembered. She was awarded 20 honorary doctorates from international institutions, received the United Nations award of the International League for Human Rights, was made Dame of the British Empire, and was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace prize.



Suman holds hands with Mandela in 1990

Richard Lapper

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